



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **389**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 46b-54 of the general statutes, as
4 amended by section 2 of public act 14-3, is repealed and the following
5 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

6 (e) Counsel or a guardian ad litem for the minor child or children
7 shall be heard on all matters pertaining to the interests of any child,
8 including the custody, care, support, education and visitation of the
9 child, so long as the court deems such representation to be in the best
10 interests of the child. To the extent practicable, when hearing from
11 such counsel or guardian ad litem, the court shall permit such counsel
12 or guardian ad litem to participate at the beginning of the matter, at
13 the conclusion of the matter or at such other time the court deems
14 appropriate so as to minimize legal fees incurred by the parties due to
15 the participation of such counsel or guardian ad litem in the matter.

16 [Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, counsel or a
17 guardian ad litem for any minor child shall not speak or report to the
18 court on any medical diagnosis or conclusion made by a health care
19 professional who is treating such minor child unless the parties have
20 refused to cooperate in paying for or obtaining records containing the
21 medical diagnosis or conclusion of the health care professional.] Such
22 counsel or guardian ad litem may be heard on a matter pertaining to a
23 medical diagnosis or conclusion concerning a minor child made by a
24 health care professional treating such child when (1) such counsel or
25 guardian ad litem is in possession of a medical record or report of the
26 treating healthcare professional that indicates or supports such
27 medical diagnosis or conclusion; or (2) one or more parties have
28 refused to cooperate in paying for or obtaining a medical record or
29 report that contains the treating health care professional's medical
30 diagnosis or conclusion. If the court deems it to be in the best interests
31 of the minor child, such health care professional shall be heard on
32 matters pertaining to the interests of any such child, including the
33 custody, care, support, education and visitation of such child."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	October 1, 2014	46b-54(e)
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